

SENATE BILL 2394
By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Chapter 165 of the Private Acts of 1955; as amended by Chapter 105 of the Private Acts of 1983; Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1988 and Chapter 269 of the Private Acts of 1959; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative General Sessions Court of Washington County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 165 of the Private Acts of 1955; as amended by Chapter 105 of the Private Acts of 1983; Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1988 and Chapter 269 of the Private Acts of 1959; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting SECTION 1 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

That there is hereby created and established a Court in and for Washington County, Tennessee, which shall be known and designated as the Court of General Sessions. The said Court shall hear cases at the Courthouse in Jonesborough, and any Courthouse in Johnson City that the county legislative body may elect to operate from time to time, as the business of the Court may demand and require. The territorial jurisdiction of said Court shall be co-extensive with the limits of the County, and Washington County shall provide court rooms, dockets, furnishings, and necessary supplies for the equipment and maintenance of said Court, and shall pay for same out of the ordinary funds of said County. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require the operation of a courthouse in Johnson City, nor shall this Act be construed to prohibit the county legislative body, by resolution, from closing any courthouse or ancillary offices in Johnson City.

SECTION 2. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Washington County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be

proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified by the presiding officer of the county legislative body to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, it shall become effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided by Section 2.